

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) invites the public and other interested parties to comment on DEQ's proposed groundwater remedy selection for Loveland Product, Inc.'s (LPI) herbicide formulating facility located in Lockwood, Montana. LPI was formerly known as Transbas, Inc.

The proposed groundwater remedy includes requirements for monitored natural attenuation, institutional controls, and localized enhanced bioremediation. In addition, the proposed remedy includes requirements for further investigation and remediation, if necessary, in all of the deferred areas at the facility. Deferred areas are inaccessible at this time due to plant operations.

DEQ has prepared a Statement of Basis that explains the current status of the site and proposed remedy selection for impacted groundwater. In addition, a draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed groundwater remedies in accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

This notice is to inform the public of the proposed groundwater remedy and to seek their participation in the decision-making process. The public is provided forty-five (45) days to review and submit written comments on the proposed groundwater remedy and EA before a final decision is made by DEQ. The comment period will extend from May 18 to July 6, 2015.

During the public comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If a hearing is held, DEQ will provide notice of the public hearing date at least thirty days prior to the hearing.

The Statement of Basis and draft EA are available for examination at the DEQ Billings office located at 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, Montana, and at the DEQ, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Ave., Helena, Montana. The Statement of Basis and EA are also available for review on DEQ's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/pubcom.mcp>.

All written comments on the remedy selection and draft EA should be addressed to Ann Kron, DEQ, Permitting and Compliance Division, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or emailed to [DEQhazwaste@mt.gov](mailto:DEQhazwaste@mt.gov). Interested persons may also call Ann Kron at 406-444-5824 or email at [akron@mt.gov](mailto:akron@mt.gov) for additional information. **All written comments must be received by DEQ on or before July 6, 2015, for consideration.**

Based on the comments received, DEQ will make a final decision on selecting a groundwater remedy. Notice will then be given to the LPI and each person who submitted written comments or requested a notice of the decision. The final remedy decision shall become effective thirty (30) days after the service of notice of the decision, unless a later effective date is specified by DEQ. If no comments are received, the final remedy decision becomes effective immediately upon notice of DEQ's final decision.

Dated: May 18, 2015

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